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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 27th March 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 27th March 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 304 carts of ragi and 53 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 285 carts of ragi and 34 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 74 to Rs. 85 per cart during the week against Rs. 73 to Rs. 83 per cart in the previous week. The price of ragi is coming down owing to new ragi coming into the bazaar.

There is sufficient stock of ragi and rice in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their Depots.

Mysore City.—There is no change in the situation.

Bangalore District.—There has been no rain during the week. *Vaisakhi* paddy is in a good condition and sugar-cane, is being planted.

The price of ragi has improved largely except at Channapatna and Closepet whence ragi is being taken in exchange for paddy from Mysore. The price of ragi ranged from 8 to 9 seers a rupee while at Channapatna it was 6½ seers and at Closepet 7 to 7½ seers.

The price of local rice ranged from 3½ to 4 seers a rupee and Burma rice from 4½ to 4¾ seers. There is sufficient quantity of Burma rice on hand and instructions have been issued to the Amildars to sell freely. The supply of ragi to the markets is fairly satisfactory.

Mysore District.—There is no change. Markets are well supplied. Prices are high and are likely to remain so for an indefinite period.

People have no difficulty in obtaining provisions.

Tumkur District.—The situation remains unchanged. The price of ragi ranges from Rs. 70 to Rs. 75 for a cart-load of 640 seers, and that of paddy between Rs. 75 and Rs. 80. Burma rice is being sold in the Depots at Tumkur, Gubbi, Tiptur, Turuvekere, Maddagiri and Pavagada.

Kolar District.—The prices of food grains are almost stationary.

The demand for Burma rice is somewhat slack now owing to the threshing operations, but is likely to increase as soon as this season is over.

The Amildars of the taluks where old stocks of Burma rice are available, have been asked to dispose of the stock to *bona-fide* consumers at 5¼ seers a rupee as the same is reported to be deteriorating.

Hassan District.—The markets were fairly well supplied with rice and ragi. There was an improvement in the supply of ragi to santes. Rice and paddy continued to be exported from important centres in the district to Bangalore and other places in the State.

Standing crops such as *Kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices still continue to be high, but the price of ragi shows a tendency to go down.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—No change in the situation.

Kadur District.—All the markets in the district were well supplied with food stuffs, but their prices continued to be high. Rice was sold at Chikmagalur at 4 to 5½ seers a rupee, as against 4½ seers in the last week. At Chikmagalur and Tarikere, ragi was sold at 10 seers a rupee as against 9 and 8-9 seers respectively in the previous week. At Mudgere ragi was sold at 8½ to 9 seers instead of 7½ seers. There appears to be no perceptible change in the situation.

Chitaldrug District.—There has been no material change in the food situation during the week under report. The prices are stationary.

Government grain depots have been opened in Davangere, Harihar, Holalkere, Hosdurga and Molakalmuru Taluks during the month.

General (By Food Controller).—There is no appreciable change in the situation but prices show a general tendency to go down. The price of ragi has slightly fallen in the Kadur District and in parts of the Shimoga and Chitaldrug Districts. The price of rice has also gone down to a small extent in the Hassan and Shimoga Districts. The supply of ragi and paddy in the markets of Bangalore City and Tumkur town are increasing appreciably, but the prices have remained almost the same as in the last week. In the Bangalore City the price of Mysore rice has gone down by about 2 rupees a palla and that of Bengal-gram about 5 rupees a palla. The price of tuvar dhal is also somewhat easier.

Two shipments of Burma rice imported towards March allotment have arrived in Madras on the 25th and 30th March. One more shipment which completes the March allotment is expected to arrive in Madras on the 2nd April. Supply of Burma rice is now ample.

In addition to sales through Municipal Agency, sales of Burma rice for *bona-fide* domestic consumption not exceeding two bags in each individual case have been ordered to be made from the Provincial Grain Depot, Bangalore. Sale of Delta rice in the Provincial Grain Depot also continues.

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Constitution of the General Economic Conference.

READ—

Para 10 of Government Order No. 514-66—E. C. 15-19-1, dated 12th July 1919, *re* the constitution of the General Economic Conference.

ORDER No. G. 22848-81—LEGIS. 42-19-2, DATED 6TH APRIL 1920.

According to the reconstitution of the General Economic Conference sanctioned in the order read above two members of the Legislative Council have to be elected to the Conference. The following rules and procedure are prescribed for such election :—

1. Before the 15th April 1920 such of the non-official members of the Legislative Council as desire to stand for election to the General Economic Conference will intimate their names in writing to the Secretary, Mysore Legislative Council.

2. The election will be by votes to be taken on voting papers containing the names of candidates who have signified their intention to stand for election under the above rule. The voting papers will be supplied for the purpose by post to the members before the 20th April.

3. The voting papers will be returned by post duly registered or by delivery in person to the Secretary, Legislative Council, so as to reach him before the 27th April.

4. Each member will be entitled to choose two names only out of the list.

5. The votes shall be counted by the Secretary, Legislative Council, and the two candidates who have secured the largest number of votes will be considered to have been elected to the General Economic Conference and their names will be duly notified in the Gazette. In the event of two or more candidates securing an equal number of votes, Government may choose one of them by lot and such members will be considered to have been duly elected.

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To—The Members, Mysore Legislative Council.
The Secretary, Mysore Legislative Council.
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